AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Press cage bar for a device for expressing liquids, which is bounded by at least one pressing edge in the area of a wear surface of a hard layer and which, in the area of at least one lateral face of the body of the cage bar, has at least one spacer that is raised above the lateral face, wherein the spacer (15) is formed as a deposit weld on the lateral face (21) of the cage bar (8); that the spacer (15) is provided with a certain bottom clearance (20) from the underside (17) of the cage bar (8), which is on the opposite side of the cage bar from the wear surface (11); that the spacer (15) extends along the lateral face (21) no farther than to the hard layer (14); that the extent of the spacer (15) transversely to a longitudinal axis (9) of the lateral face (21) is greater than its extent in the direction of the longitudinal axis (9) of the lateral face (21); and that the spacer (15) has increasing thickness (22) perpendicular to the lateral face (21) in a direction extending from the hard layer (14) towards the

underside (17) of the cage bar (8), wherein the surface of the spacer (15) that faces away from the lateral face (21) is ground, wherein a cross sectional surface of the cage bar is contoured so that the spacing region between neighboring cage bars extends from the hard layer in the direction of the underside.

2. (Previously presented) Press cage bar in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the spacer (15) has a certain amount of top clearance (19) from the hard layer (14).

3. (Previously presented) Press cage bar in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the end of the spacer (15) that faces the hard layer (14) has a rounded contour.

4. (Previously presented) Press cage bar in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the end of the spacer (15) that faces away from the hard layer (14) has a rounded contour.

5. (Previously presented) Press cage bar in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the spacer (15) has an essentially elongated oval shape.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) Press cage bar in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the longitudinal axis of the spacer (15) extends essentially transversely to the longitudinal axis of the lateral face (21).

8. (Previously presented) Press cage bar in accordance with Claim 1, wherein at least two spacers are arranged on the lateral face (21) with a separation (23) between them.

9. (Previously presented) Press cage bar in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the spacer (15) is made of a material that contains chromium carbide.

10. (Currently Amended) Device for expressing liquids, which has at least one press cage bar, which is bounded by at least one pressing edge in the area of a wear surface and which, in the area of at least one lateral face of the body of the cage bar, has at least one spacer that is raised above the lateral face, wherein the spacer (15) is formed as a deposit weld on the lateral face (21) of the cage bar (8); that the spacer (15) is provided with a certain bottom clearance (20) from the underside (17) of the cage bar (8), which is on the opposite side of the cage bar from the wear surface

(11); that the spacer (15) extends along the lateral face (21) no farther than to the hard layer (14); that the extent of the spacer (15) transversely to a longitudinal axis (9) of the lateral face (21) is greater than its extent in the direction of the longitudinal axis (9) of the lateral face (21); and that the spacer (15) has increasing thickness (22) perpendicular to the lateral face (21) in a direction extending from the hard layer (14) towards the underside (17) of the cage bar (8) , wherein the surface of the spacer (15) that faces away from the lateral face (21) is ground, wherein a cross sectional surface of the cage bar is contoured so that the spacing region between neighboring cage bars extends from the hard layer in the direction of the underside.

11. (Currently amended) Device in accordance with Claim 10, wherein the spacer (15) has a certain amount of top clearance (19) from the hard layer ~~at least one of the features specified in Claim 2 is realized~~.

12. (New) Device in accordance with Claim 10, wherein the end of the spacer (15) that faces the hard layer (14) has a rounded contour.

13. (New) Device in accordance with Claim 10, wherein the end of the spacer (15) that faces away from the hard layer (14) has a rounded contour.

14. (New) Device in accordance with Claim 10, wherein the spacer (15) has an essentially elongated oval shape.

15. (New) Device in accordance with Claim 10, wherein the longitudinal axis of the spacer (15) extends essentially transversely to the longitudinal axis of the lateral face (21).

16. (New) Device in accordance with Claim 10, wherein at least two spacers are arranged on the lateral face (21) with a separation (23) between them.

17. (New) Device in accordance with Claim 10, wherein the spacer (15) is made of a material that contains chromium carbide.